The Good Ship Rover

The Irish Rovers

I'm the son of a son of a sailor and I spend all me time on the sea.

On a tall clipper ship named the Rover, she's home to my shipmates and me.

We've sailed her through all kinds of weather, through waves that were high as the mast.

And she brings us back safely to Ireland to her home in the port of Belfast.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're out on the Blue.

The goodship lies ready at anchor. We sail with the tide in the morn.

Across the Atlantic to Boston and to Frisco around by Cape Horn.

Fairwell and adieu to you Nancy! I'm off to the sea for awhile.

But you are the one I will think on til I'm back on Paddy's Green Isle.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're out on the Blue.

We're now in full sail on the ocean with the westerly wind blowin' free.

She cuts like a knife through the water, she rules every wave of the sea.

She's the fastest tall clipper a sailin', the pride of the company line.

Doing 17 knots in the voyage she'll hurry ya back home in fine time.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're out on the Blue.

And now we're nearin' olde Ireland, for the harbor has come into sight.

The lassies are all on the dockside, there'll be singin and dancing tonight.

We'll be drinkin' strong whiskey and porter, til they carry us out through the door.

And when we have spent all our money we'll go back on the Rover once more.

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